

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Robert Beart, Sr., who passed away on September 12, 2001;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Robert W. Beart, Sr. was born on November 13,  
7 1917 in Chicago and graduated from Roosevelt High School in  
8 1935; he later enrolled at Augustana College where he  
9 excelled both in academics as a chemistry major, and  
10 athletics as a track and football letterman; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Beart served as a meteorologist and weather  
12 officer to General Curtis LeMay during World War II; Mr.  
13 Beart participated in the weather forecasting that allowed  
14 the United States to bomb both Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, After returning from the war, Mr. Beart worked  
17 at Illinois Tool Works, Inc. as a metallurgist while  
18 completing classes at Chicago-Kent Law School; after  
19 graduation, he went to work in his uncle's law firm of Olson  
20 and Trexler, which represented Illinois Tool Works, Inc.; he  
21 subsequently became General Counsel to Illinois Tool Works,  
22 Inc. and later a director; Mr. Beart was considered a pillar  
23 to the technology-based business at Illinois Tool Works, Inc.  
24 due to his outstanding contributions; he was instrumental in  
25 developing the technology base that the company now enjoys  
26 due to his heightened activity in patenting inventions and  
27 protection against infringement of the company's intellectual  
28 property; and

29 WHEREAS, In addition to his degrees from Augustana  
30 College and Kent College of Law, Mr. Beart also attained a  
31 Master of Law degree in patent law from The John Marshall Law  
32 School; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Beart and his wife, Helen, had long been  
2 active in charitable activities and community affairs; Mr.  
3 Beart served as chairman of the board at Lutheran General  
4 Hospital, as president of Illinois Lutheran Social Services,  
5 on the Board of Overseers at Kent College of Law, as chairman  
6 of Park Ridge School District #207, and as president of  
7 Lutheran Mutual Insurance Company of Waverly, Iowa, now the  
8 CUNA companies; in addition, Mr. Beart and his wife were  
9 supporters of the Uhlich Children's Home, The John Marshall  
10 Law School, and Lutheran Home and Services for the Aged; and

11           WHEREAS, The passing of Robert W. Beart, Sr. will be  
12 deeply felt by all those who knew and loved him, especially  
13 his wife of 58 years, Helen; his children, Dr. Robert W. Jr.  
14 (wife, Cindy) Beart and Beth J. (husband, George) Drost; his  
15 grandchildren, Julie (husband, William) Hibler, Michael T.  
16 (wife, Kaitrin) and Charles Drost, Jennifer Beart, Kristi  
17 (husband, Bryce) Barns, and Amy Beart; his great-grandson,  
18 John W. Hibler; and his sisters, Grace Juel, Ruth York, and  
19 Helen (husband, Mark) Thomas; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
22 all who knew him, the death of Robert W. Beart, Sr. of  
23 Arlington Heights, Illinois; and be it further

24           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
25 presented to the family of Robert W. Beart, Sr. with our  
26 sincere condolences.